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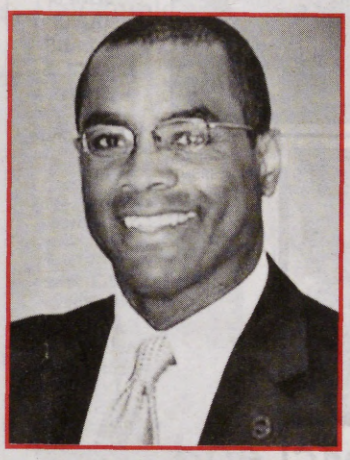

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# NEWARK MUNICPAL COUNCIL

## – NOT, "BUSINESS AS USUAL"

The Municipal Council's started out their first meeting, letting mayor Cory Booker know, that he really does not know how to run the city of Newark.

They realize that many of the citizens of the city are not happy or satisfied. That the mayor does not understand politically, what this city is all about.

THE OUTSIDER

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The mistake of him coming here, and running all of the local folks out, bringing in people from New York, and elsewhere, was the greatest mistake he could make.

No, mayor, with any sense – even if he is a Rhodes Scholar, or not, should know that you must get the feel of the city to understand the people, before you do many of the things, he's tried.

Although, were not New Yorkers, or anything, he, thinks we should be – there are still Newarkers who have run this city, and made people understand what we need to do to be successful.

Selling the water, or making the City Hall employees pay for their own toilet paper, should not have ever been an alternative to a budget shortfall.

One wonders, if mayor Booker *(who has never bought a home in Newark)*, is thinking this is a "pit stop," on the way to somewhere else. Many folks have been saying they see him getting into a limousine, heading for New York, every night. This was before his own reelection.

City residents have spoken to this column about the "crap" he talks about in *"O,"* Oprah Winfrey's September magazine issue. I think, you do yourself more harm, than the people you talk about.

Corruption is in all the cities, not just

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# POLLY TICKS...

## *TICKS... TICKS... TICKS...*

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Newark. When the majority of your "glam" supporters find out how little you know – they'll not help you get into any other position.

To the President of the City Council, and the Councilman of the South and Central Wards – we say, good is good, because our city of Newark needs you.

NOTE –

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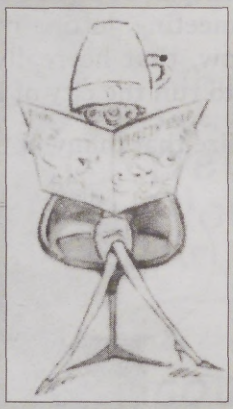

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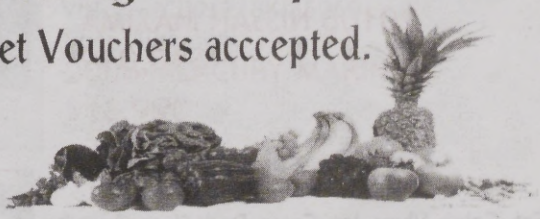

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# Newark... Newark... Newark...

## *The way we were, "back in the day."...*

**the late forties ...fifties ...sixties - what we were wearing...how we partied - ENJOY**

**Newark's first Black Councilman, breaking bread with (l.to r.) JAMES H. FULTZ (who owned the OWL CLUB); CATHERINE BASIE (Count Basie's wife); MRS. TURNER, IRVINE TURNER, CORDELIA GREENE JOHNSON; TURNER'S two sisters standing; LARRIE STALKS; back to the view.**

**A TYPICAL FRIDAY NIGHT, AROUND THE TOWN**

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CARMEN McCRAE, AT THE TERRACE BAALLROOM

LOUIE ARMSTRONG @ Laural Garden, on Springfield Avenue, enoying the fights, with his pals.

# Essex County Executive Divenceno's 54-hole marathon,

*which promoted improvements to the three Essex County golf courses*

***"I'm not that good," joked Essex County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo Jr.***

Essex County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo Jr. reacts to a missed putt on Friday at the Hendricks Field course in Belleville. His 54-hole marathon promoted improvements to the three Essex County golf courses.

DiVincenzo's 10 a.m. round was the second in his 54-hole golf marathon, which spanned all three Essex County golf courses, which also included Weequahic Golf Course in Newark, Hendricks Field in Belleville and Francis Byrne Golf Course in West Orange.

Last year, through revenue created by raising golfers' greens fees, Essex County spent $7 million to upgrade the three courses into what DiVincenzo calls "champion-caliber facilities." He organized a tri-course marathon to highlight each location's improvements and resulting increase of play.

"If people see me playing here, hopefully they will want to come play, too," DiVincenzo said.

All three courses saw several bunkers and tees rebuilt, had trees pruned and/or removed, and received new irrigation equipment- upgrading from center-row to double-row irrigation. With double the watering heads, Essex County's golf greens are looking better than ever.

"Even with all of the hot weather we've been having, everything here is always green," DiVincenzo said, gesturing around Hendricks.

The maintenance process of the greens, "from cultivation to chemical application," was also enhanced, said Essex County Golf Superintendant Tim Christ. (portions, reprinted from the BELLEVILLE TIMES)

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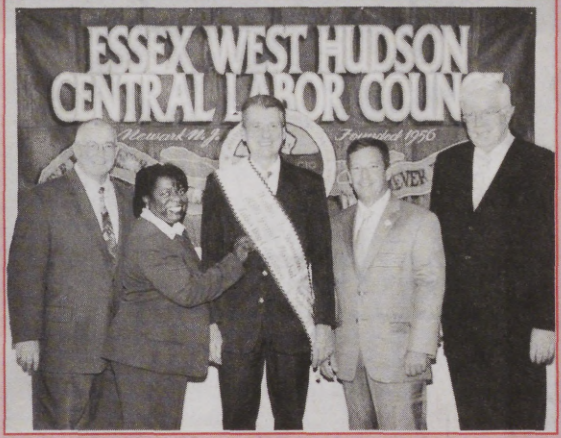
**A CONTEMPORARY GOSPEL VOCAL GROUP,** out of Newark, NJ, sang together in their early teens. As they matured, they separated, and ventured into different genres of music – from R&B, Hip-Hop, Pop, & Electronica. But, after many years found their way back together again singing GOSPEL.

CRAIG7 AND JOEY WASHINGTON are (brothers) growin up around music, and famiy in the Music Business: such as, GRAMMY AWARD WINNING (80s & 90s 'R&B GROUP KOOL AND THE GANG) AND GRAMMY AWARD WINNER R&B SOUL SINGER BETTY WRIGHT .... JOEY also had some success in music business, wrote a few number# 1's on the BILLBOARD CHARTS for 80s and 90s Dance Acts 'currently finishing up a ALBUM for(Electronica Band PINK STALLONE) and (self title Debut EP).

**HAV' MERCY** – Pictured are members: Craig70; Stan (Sugarbear) Caldwell; Earl Duncan; & recently added R&B singer/songwriter, Joey Washington.




(Shown L-R) Kevin P. Frey, Parade Coordinator; Theresa Calhoun, Co-Chair, JNESO District 1; Grand Marshal Walter V. Genuario of West Caldwell; Co-Chair and Battalion Chief John M. Doll; The Newark Fire Officers Union Local 1860; and Thomas P. Giblin, President.

# ESSEX-WEST HUDSON LABOR COUNCIL

## 19th ANNUAL "CELEBRATION OF LABOR" SET

## WALTER V. GENUARIO NAMED 2010 GRAND MARSHAL

LABOR DAY IS A TIME for working families across America to celebrate our work, our history, and our communities. It's also the time we focus on the future and the path we want to take.

The history and the significance of the Labor Movement in Essex County and New Jersey will be celebrated at "A CELEBRATION OF LABOR", an interfaith Labor Day observance, on Friday, September 10th.

Sponsored by the Essex-West Hudson Labor Council, AFL-CIO, the event will begin with a Pre-Parade Program at Newark City Hall starting at 5:00 p.m. and concluding with a March along Broad Street to Washington Park. Bands will lead a parade of union members and supporters marching proudly behind the banners of their locals.

Thomas P. Giblin, President of the Essex-West Hudson Labor Council, AFL-CIO, said, "This Labor Day comes at a critical moment for America's working families. Only by working together-by combining our voices and using the strength of out numbers-can we build the America of our vision. We must secure our middle class and keep good jobs in America. We must make things in this country again. We must invest in our nation's infrastructure and in clean, domestic energy. We must build an economy where working people can retire with security and where children can get an education that can lead to a promising future."

"The continuing economic crisis has left most working families, including many Union members, frustrated and anxious. Millions are without work or are underemployed, and nearly all Americans have been touched in some way by the job crisis. That's why this Labor Day couldn't be more important and why the Union movement must ensure working people mobilize to choose the path forward instead of turning back."

The Council is also proud to announce that the 2010 Celebration of Labor March will be led by Grand Marshal, Walter V. Genuario of West Caldwell.

Walter V. Genuario is the Executive Secretary of the Essex-West Hudson Labor Council, which represents 60 Unions and 52,000 Union members. He formerly served as a Vice president and Trustee of the Council and is currently the Council's Scholarship Committee's Co-Chair.

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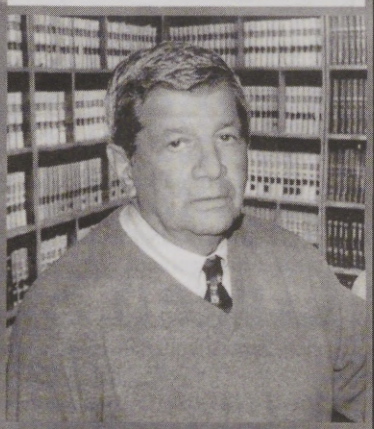

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# Fallen Leaves

## ABBEY LINCOLN, 80

*Jazz singer, songwriter*

Abbey, known for her phrasing, emotion and uncompromising style, died in New York at age 80.

She had been declining n health for past year. Her death was confirmed by friend and filmmaker Carol Friedman, who has been working on a documentary about Lincoln's life.

Linoln made records and acted in films in the 1950s and '60s, then saw her career surge again in the 1990s when she found new voice as a songwriter.

Over her long career, Lincoln acted with Sidney Poitier and collaborated in music with drummer Max Roach, whom she married in 1962 and later divorced.

In later years she had chart-topping albums with "You Gotta Pay the Band," which she recorded with Stan Getz, and "Devil's Got Your Tongue," in which she rebuked some rappers, comics and filmmakers for profiting from the denigration of black culture

As a young woman, Lincoln made a splash not only because of her voice, but her beauty. Early album covers featured her in slinky dresses, and she appeared in a Jayne Mansfield movie wearing the dress worn by Marilyn Monroe in "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes."

But after falling under Roach's influence, Lincoln turned her back on that image, casting herself instead as a civil rights advocate, dressing in African-inspired clothing and hairstyles, and making music with a political tone.

Her1960 collaboration with Roach and Oscar Brown Jr., "We Insist! (Freedom Now Suite)," was a testament against racism.

Explaining her image makeover in 1993, Lincoln told the Associated Press, "This dress was more important than I was. People in the audience were looking at my exposed breasts and the shape of my body, and it didn't have nothing to do with the music.

"...It wasn't a dream of mine to be a star, so Max came along at the right time to help save me from myself. Otherwise, I would have become an alcoholic and unhappy."

She was born Anna Marie Wooldridge in 1930.

Her manager and songwriter eventually came up with the stage name Abbey Lincoln.

## JAMES E. KING, 81

*Retired ironworker, WWII vet, of Elizabeth*

James E. King died on Aug. 13., 2010.

James was born in Florence, SC. As a young man, he joined the US Army, and served during World War II. In 1954, James relocated to Elizabeth, NJ.

He was a lifelong member of New Zion Baptist Church. It was also during the 70s that James focused his attention on establishing the career as an ironworker with the Internatioinal Association of Bridge Structure Reinforcement Workers – Local 480, an occupation he retired from in 1992.

James was an avid bowler.

He leaves to cherish fond and loving memories, his wife of 38 years, Catherine V. King; five sisters, Mattie Sanders, Barbara Robinson, Lillie Mae Baggit, Margarite Robinson, and Sylvia Pritchard; one brother, Nathan King; a stepson, Jimmy Williams; and a host of loving brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

## MARGARET E. TURNER

*Age 90*

She made her transition on August 13, 2010.

A clebration of her life was held at St. James A.M.E. Church, 588 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Newark. Interment was at Hollywood Cemetry, Union, NJ. Visition was at Whigham Funeral Hime, Newark.

Margaret waas the loving wife of the late Lewis A. Turner Sr.; cerhished mother of Lewis A. Turner, Jr. (Celeste) and Reginald Turner; doed sister of Ruth Burks of Detroit, MI, and caring grandmother of three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Sometimes things just happen... BY TINY PRINCE

# AFTER HOURS

*The Black Mirror News,' Report"– (smiles)*

We will surely miss, Abbey Lincoln *(see p. 16)* the songtress and great musician. She was featured with all the greats in jazz, from Duke Ellington, Charlie Parker and so many, many others, including hubby Max Roach... By, the way, James Moody is in the hospital again, and we're checking, hoping to get the right information for the next issue... Oh, yeah! someone asked me had I read *"From Trials To Triumph,"* by Anita C. Spaulding – had to confess, that I hadn't, although, I did purchase the book – smiles... At the time this column was written, Charles "Tonto" Gibson, had returned from the Bahamas or Bermuda, where he attended his daughter's wedding. I know he also decided to look around at the *"pretty island flowers and guests,"* too – smiles... Check out, Vision World in the W. Orange Shopping Plaza, 235 Prospect Ave., *(next to K-Mart)* 973-736-0553... Classes are taught every Saturday by the Educators For Kids, Org. Ms. Taji Lewis Manns, stopped by to see what the little children were being taught in the classes. They begin 9 am every Saturday – and its free. All you have to do, is bring your little third graders to Hunterdon and Madison Avenues, Newark, NJ. Carl M. Brasher of the Dwayne Brasher Foundation was the first week's speaker. Captain John J. Crystal, III, the president of the Superior Officers Assoc., of Newark Police Department was the second week's speaker. And, both men were great... Be sure, to see the photos of the classes, in this issue.

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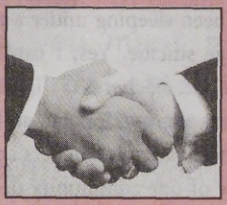
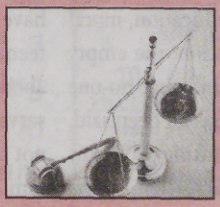
- Featured in Fortune Magazine and Business Week as one of America's Premier Lawyers with in-flight interview of cases handled which aired on American Airlines and Continental Airlines throughout the United States
- Invited and attended Oxford University, Oxford England for Roundtable Discussion on Human Rights
- Featured in New Jersey Law Journal *Suits and Deals Sections*
- Media appearances - UPN 9, Fox News, Fox 5 News, McCreary Report, CNN, Headline News, New York Daily News, New Yorker Magazine, Odyssey Couleur Magazine, CBS, NBC, Newss Radio 88, New Jersey 101.5, New York Times and Star Ledger





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# The Good Samarian

When we think of the parable of the Good Samaritan, we envision the senseless behavior of the passersby, who for one reason or the other, chose not to assist the injured and beaten traveler who lay on the road for all to see if they looked – and yet they didn't. It appears to me that is what is occurring when we deal with issues concerning our youth of today. We have rampant crime and destructive behavior which eventually leads to incarceration of our youth and a dead end existence. The issues are all right there on the road for anyone to see and act on, and just as in the parable, we pretend that we are blind to the elements. What are these issues? Unemployment, lack of education, moral and ethical voids, lack of family direction, the empty constant feeling in your heart and mind that no-one cares about you as a human being. It has all been said. So then why are we even considering cutting programs for our children? Programs such as recreation, sports and school clubs, and most importantly-after school tutoring are in danger of being cut. School breakfast and lunch programs are also in danger of being cut back. There may be some out there who read this article who may not be aware that the slightest cut in our children's nutritional program will prove to be disastrous. Nutrition is vital to learning and there are enough scientific studies to support this argument. Weigh this just for a moment, the federal guideline or poverty guideline for a family of four to receive free lunch is forty thousand dollars and seven hundred and ninety three dollars. I want you to ask yourselves, could you raise four kids and feed yourself, purchase clothes, and deal with the myriad social ills that teenagers go through with their peers on this amount of money? The gossiping on their apparel, the social snickering that eventually leads to acting out, bullying, and in case you have been sleeping under a tree like Rip Van Winkle teenage suicide. Yes, I can hear you asking, "What about the teachers?" Teachers are truly dedicated servants as are your police and fire fighters, but they are not their parents, Teachers are a member of the larger family of our community dedicated to ensuring that your child succeeds in his or her endeavors in life's journey. It is the immediate family's action that assures a smooth trip.

In closing I wish to remind all of us that if you journey into the night alone without the people and

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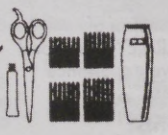
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then curse the dark, you will only delay the coming of the dawn *(Ralph Waldo Emerson)*. In my shabby paraphrasing let us march together as one people united by our humanity and place the light of truth in our hands and travel to eternity as one.

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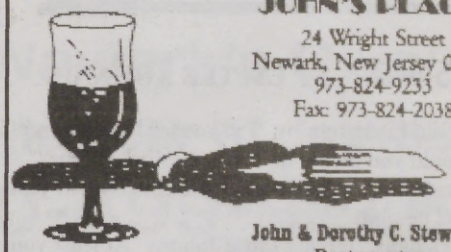
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## THE SHADOW ...

### HE'S BACK . . . LITTLE JOHNNIE

"Dad," said Little Johnny, "I'm late for football practice. Would you please do my homework for me?"

Little Johnny's father said irately, "Son, it just wouldn't be right."

"That's okay," replied Little Johnny "At least you could try."

Little Johnny walked into the kitchen, saw his mother making a cake and announced, "I'll be playing in my room for the next two hours. I sure would like a piece of cake when you're finished."

Later, when his mother brought him a piece of cooled cake, Little Johnny exclaimed, "Golly, it worked!"

Puzzled, his mother asked, "What do you mean?"

Little Johnny replied, "Daddy said that in order to get a piece around here, you gotta spend a couple of hours playing first!"

A well-dressed business man was walking down the street when Little Johnny, covered in soot said to him respectfully, "Sir, can you tell me the time?"

The portly man stopped, carefully unbuttoned his coat and jacket, removed a large watch from a vest pocket, looked at it and said, "It is a quarter to three, young man."

"Thanks," said Little Johnny. "At exactly three o'-clock you can kiss my a--.

With that, the kid took off running, and with an angry cry, the outraged businessman started chasing him. He had not been running long when an old friend stopped him.

"Why are you running like this at your age?" asked the friend.

Gasping and almost incoherent with fury, the business man said, "That little brat asked me the time and when I told him it was quarter to three he told me that at exactly three, I should kiss his ass!"

"So what's your hurry?" said, the friend. "You still have ten minutes."

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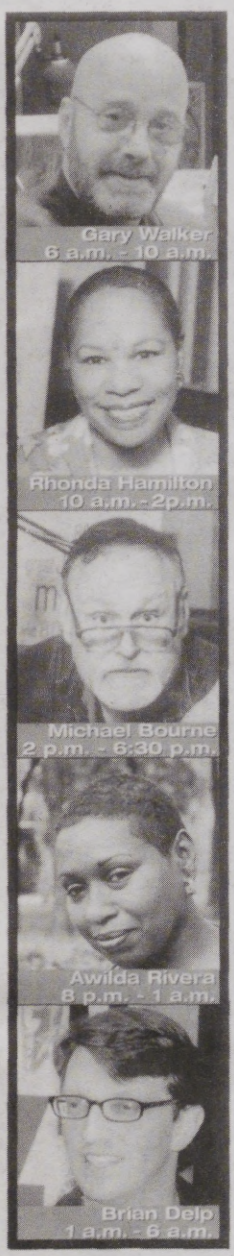


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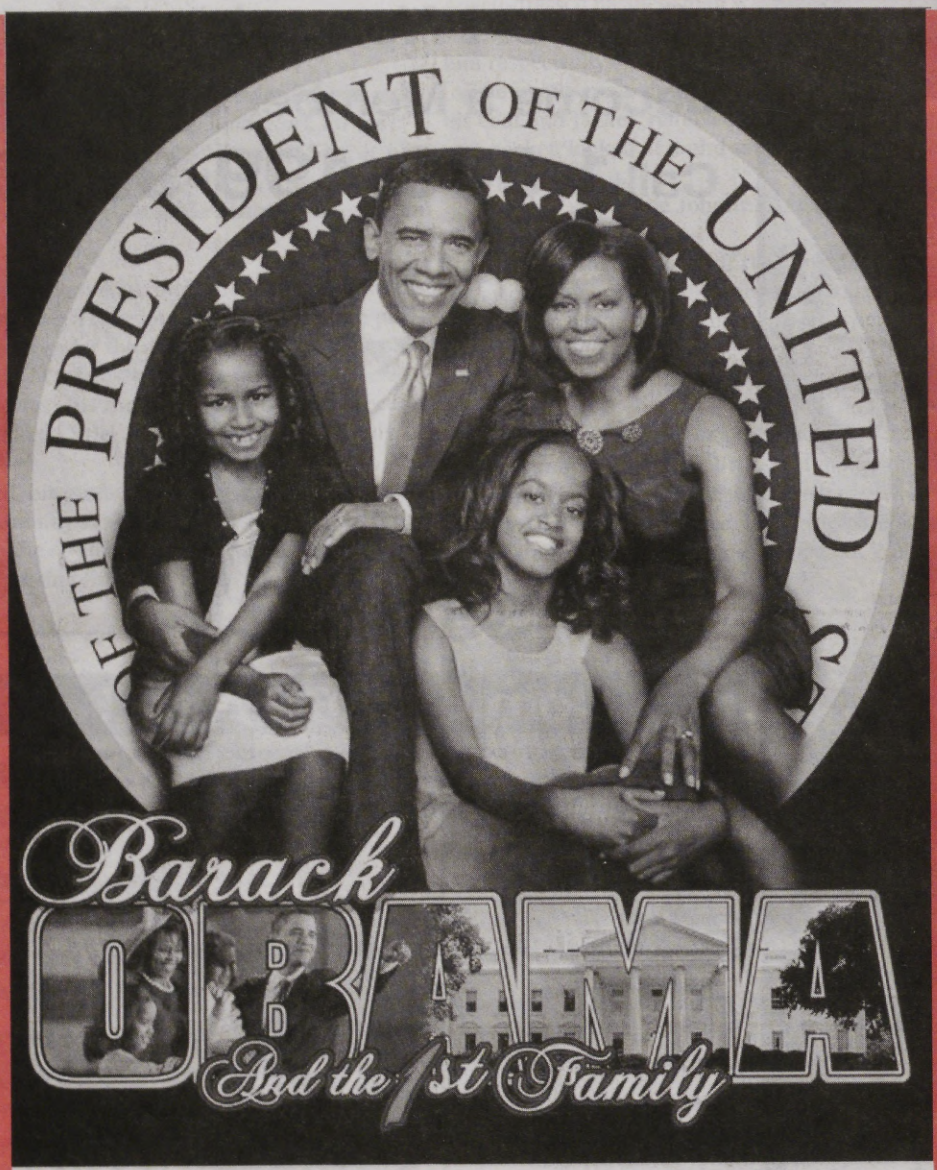


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